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1. POST AWAITS ARRIVAL OF JACOBSON/MATTOS PROGRAMS AND WILL
ADVISE SOON THEREAFTER ON PROGRAM CHOICES, MATTOS LECTURE
TOPICS AND USE OF COMPOSER. REFTEL A WAS FIRST MENTION POST
HAS RECEIVED THAT WUORINEN WOULD BE GIVEN AMSPEC GRANT. IS
THIS CONFIRMED OR MERE POSSIBILITY?

2. POST DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT DESPITE FACT FORMAL REQUEST
MADE IN MID-APRIL FOR ADDRESSEE SUPPORT FOR FESTIVAL FORMAT SIMILAR
TO LAST YEAR'S, JACOBSON/MATTOS IS ONLY FIRM COMMITMENT TO DATE.
AS CU/AFTS KNOWS, MCCOY TYNER PARTICIPATION FAR FROM CERTAIN.
OTHER THAN THESE TWO NOT A SINGLE ROCK, COUNTRY OR POPULAR
MUSIC PERFORMER OR GROUP AS EVEN BEEN SUGGESTED, MUCH LESS
EVALUATED. POST HAS REPEATEDLY STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF THIS
PROGRAM TO POST ACTIVITY AND THE FACT THAT LIBRARY'S REPUTA-
TION IN THE ARTS COMMUNITY OWES MUCH TO QUALITY OF PREVIOUS
ANNUAL MUSIC FESTIVALS. PROGRAM ALLOWS GROUP ENTREE TO MAJOR
CULTURAL WORLD FIGURES AND QUALITY OF PAST PERFORMERS HAS
ENABLED POST TO DEVELOP USEFUL PROVINCIAL PROGRAMS WHICH OTHER-
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WISE WOULD NOT HAVE MATERIALIZED. BUT GIVEN LEAD TIME NECESSARY

TO DEVELOP APPROPRIATE ON AND OFF PREMISES ACTIVITIES AND TO GIVE RPO VIENNA ADEQUATE TIME TO MEET MULTIPLE PRINTING NEEDS, POST WULD LIKE TO HAVE RESPONSES ASAP WHETHER OR NOT ADDRESSEES ARE PREPARED TO MAKE SUGGESTIONS FOR PERFORMERS IN DESIRED FIELDS OR ALTERNATIVE FIELDS. IF REQUIRED SUPPORT IS NOT FORTHCOMING, POST MUST THEN RELUCTANTLY RECONSIDER WHETHER FESTIVAL CONCEPT SHOULD BE SHELVED IN 1976. WHILE THIS WOULD CAUSE POST EMBARASSMENT AND DISAPPOINT MANY ROMANIANS, ALTERNATIVE OF PRESENTING ONE OR TWO PERFORMERS ONLY IN SINGLE FIELD OF AMERICAN MUSICAL EXPRESSION WOULD NOT BE COMMENSURATE WITH EFFORT ANNUALLY EXPENDED ON POST'S MOST SUCCESSFUL ON-GOING PROGRAM NOR MEET LOCAL AUDIENCE'S EXPECTATIONS.

3. IF FESTIVAL CONCEPT IS DROPPED, THEN LENGTH AND FORMAT OF JACOBSON/MATTOS VISIT MAY REGRETTABLY HAVE TO BE CONSIDERABLY SHORTENED.
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